

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 23rd October 2011**

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## **Silent Key**

Charlie McCrystal GI6DCC, sadly passed away on Monday the 17th October 2011 following a short illness. Charlie showed a great love of many things in life Family, Music and Amateur Radio. Private Cremation took place at Roselawn Crematorium. Charlie was father to Karl MI3KAL, brother of Eddie GI7FHZ and uncle to Paul MI6FHZ.

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## **MORE LICENSE COURSES AT LOUGH ERNE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club is recruiting for a Foundation course and invites all interested to the next Club meeting in the SHARE centre at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 1 November. The course itself will be over two weekends, the last in November and first in December, with examination and results on Sunday afternoon 3 December.

Recent courses and examinations produced 39 successes, 26 Foundation, 9 Intermediate and 4 Full Licence holders – and only one fail. Recently licensed members have invigorated the Club. They include the new Chairman, Tommy MI0RVH. He did his Foundation in 2010 then Intermediate and Full in June 2011.

Lough Erne ARC is also recruiting for another Intermediate course and an Advanced examination in December or January. As usual, the newly licensed will be presented with welcome certificates at the Lough Erne Rally on Sunday 1 April 2012.

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## **Cashota**

MM0DHQ will be transmitting from Kilwinning Abbey, in Scotland as part of CASHOTA (Castles and Stately Homes on the Air) on Tuesday 1st November 2011. All details can be found at [www.cashota.co.uk](http://www.cashota.co.uk)

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## **Foyle and District Amateur Radio Rally**

The Foyle and District Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place November 6th 2011 at

the White Horse Hotel, 68 Clooney Road, Derry, BT47 3PA. Doors open at 12 noon. The usual traders will be present and IRTS will have a stand also on display. Further details from [www.mn0aku.co.uk](http://www.mn0aku.co.uk) .

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club**

The Shannon Basin Radio Club will be having a meeting on Friday the 28th October in Hannons Hotel, Roscommon at 20:30. All members are asked to attend and non-members are welcome. Please see [www.shannonbasinradioclub.com](http://www.shannonbasinradioclub.com) for details.

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### **DX News**

Five operators will be active from Bhutan from 25 October until 1 November. During the CQ WW SSB Contest next weekend (29-30 October) look for A52IR on 80m, A52PC on 40m, A52PP on 20m, A25AB on 15m and A51B on 10m. Outside the contest times they will work other bands and modes.

Bill N7OU is operating from the South Cook Islands until 7 November using the callsign E51NOU. He then travels to the North Cook Islands where he will stay until 22 November. As he will be using the same callsign from both DXCC entities be careful with your logbook entries.

A group of 7 Italian amateurs will sign TU2T from the Ivory Coast from 27 October to 11 November. There has not been much activity from TU in recent times so this is a good one to look out for. Direct QSLs go via I2YSB and bureau cards go via IK2CIO.

Chris GM3WOJ will be activating ZK2V from the island of Niue in the Pacific for the next few months. He will be joined by Keith GM4YXI until the end of October and the call ZK2X will be used in the CQ WW SSB Contest.

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### **AubieSat-1 video**

Auburn University's, USA, famous battle cry, 'War Eagle', will be heard from space October 27 when it is transmitted to Earth from a student-built amateur radio satellite known as AubieSat-1. After launch, when the satellite comes over Auburn, Alabama, the team will send up a command and if all is well AubieSat-1 will reply with 'War Eagle' in Morse code. AubieSat-1 is designed to transmit with a power of about 800 milliwatts on a frequency of 437.475 MHz, plus or minus Doppler correction [ $\pm 9$  kHz]. The beacon signal, along with telemetry, will be sent using A1A continuous

wave Morse code at 20 words per minute. Additional telemetry from the onboard science experiment will use CW transmissions up to 60 WPM.

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### **AMSAT to celebrate 50 years in space at symposium**

The AMSAT-NA 2011 Space Symposium will be held on Friday, November 4-6 in San Jose, California. This year's Symposium coincides with the celebration of the 50th anniversary of OSCAR 1, the first Amateur Radio satellite.

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### **Radio Club Argentino - 90th anniversary**

The Radio Club Argentino (RCA), will be active as L90AA starting October 21st through to the end of the month. Activity is to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the RCA founded in 1921. The RCA is one of the oldest amateur radio associations in the world, and was also one of the founders of the IARU in 1925. Look for operations to be on all bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via LU4AA, direct or by the Bureau.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam/at/irts/dot/ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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